REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 10, 18 and 22 are independent.

By this reply, claims have been amended to clarify the invention according to U.S. practice and such amendments do not add new matter.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. These claims have been reviewed and revised to clarify the invention and are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Thus, the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejection

Claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nezu (U.S. Patent No. 5,970,228). This rejection, insofar as it pertains to the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

Nezu discloses a system for printing documents, comprising workstations (clients) and one or more print servers. The system of Nezu is specifically intended for situations where a plurality of clients share a printer (server). In such situations, security print jobs, i.e. print jobs for printing documents that should not been seen by anyone else than the owner, require special

handling. Nezu discloses a solution for this problem, which basically comprises the following

steps:

- the client sends a print job to the printer server,

- the printer server (at the printer) stores the print job data, but does not print it,

- the printer server generates a "collation key" for the print job, sends it back to the

  client and also stores it internally in combination with the relevant print job data,

- the client receives the collation key and stores it on an external storage medium, such

  as a floppy disc,

- the user takes the external storage medium from the client, walks up to the print

  server (at the printer) and installs it there,

- at the printer server, the user calls up a list of print jobs stored in the server, selects

  his job and gives a print command,

- the printer server reads the external storage medium, finds the collation key stored

  therein and compares it to the collation key it has stored itself in combination with the

  print job data, and

- if the two collation keys are identical, the printer server prints the print job.

Thus, in Nezu, the printer server at the printer is controlled locally from its own console,

and not remotely from the client. At col. 33, I. 50-53, Nezu mentions a deficiency of this first

embodiment, in that "the user must go to the printer and wait at there until the job is completely

printed."

This drawback of Nezu is the same drawback mentioned in the "Background of the

Invention" section of the present application, e.g., see paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 of the

present application. Nezu finds a solution to this drawback in the use of lockable stacker

compartments, while the presently embodied invention proposes an entirely different solution by

controlling the printer remotely from the workstation of the user.

Accordingly, Nezu fails to anticipate, *inter alia*:

> enabling an operator to use the workstation operating means for selecting one of the listed interactive print jobs and for giving a command for printing the selected job

as recited in independent claim 1;

> wherein said print control module is also operable for... enabling an operator to use the workstation operating means for selecting a shown interactive print job and for giving a command for printing the selected job

as recited in independent claim 10;

> wherein said web server is adapted for dynamically generating web pages... including functionality for enabling a user to use the workstation operating means for selecting a shown interactive print job and for giving a command for printing the selected job

as recited in independent claim 18; and

> said program is also being adapted for... enabling an operator to use the workstation operating means for selecting a shown interactive print job and for giving a command for printing the selected job

as recited in independent claim 22.

Therefore, the invention as recited in independent claims 1, 10, 18 and 22 and

their dependent claims (due to their dependency) is patentable over the applied reference,

and the rejection is improper and must be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, Applicant(s) respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicits an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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